The American Play Money Society Newsletter

N Te hope all of our members and their families had a wonderful summer and found lots of new additions to their collections. Most of our additions came via the internet and trading with other members. You will notice that each issue of Fun Money seems to mention the internet and the on-line auctions a bit more than the last. That is due to the editor's belief that this is one of the best methods to expand both your collection and your knowledge. We have found things that just would not be possible any other way. That doesn't replace the normal trips to the flea markets, garage sales, and antique malls, but it sure is a nice supplement to them. If you haven't yet looked at how the web works you may be able to visit your local library and get a taste of it; many of the libraries are now connected. And there are plenty of computer stores where you can get an idea of how everything works. The best news is that the prices of computers are dropping almost daily and there seems to be a system that will fit almost anyone's needs.

We gained one new member this period and have had an inquiry from a collector in England who will probably join just as soon as we can figure out what a fair rate will be for the dues.

Thanks again to several of our members we have another twenty page issue! I believe we may be able to maintain this size if the articles keep coming in as they have so far. The cost is slightly higher and we may have to raise the dues a dollar for next year, but most of our members seem to like the larger newsletter. If you have any thoughts or comments about this, please let me know.

There are several "freebies" enclosed this time. Contributors are: Don Kolkman, John Dalton, Jane Sears, Akio Lis, and your editor. Thanks, folks!

An article in Coin World stated that real money was used in the movie, Titanic, and only one scene used take prop money (a stack of money). I find this interesting since I have seen two cases of people advertising movie money from this show. Many of us have some movie money in our collections, but rarely do we know what movie it was used in. It probably doesn't make any difference if the price is cheap! But beware if you are looking for reliable attribution.

Good hunting to all!







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One per year in a central location. We would appreciate comments on where and when to have an official meeting. With members in all parts of the country it is impossible to accommodate everyone; however, we will have the meeting in a location that will benefit the most people.



Treasurer's Report



by Barbara Phillips

Income: Dues, ads, and back issues \$ 21.00

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Postage, stamps and envelopes \$ 47.66

THE ARMOUR BASEBALL COIN STORY

Courtesy of Richard Clothier

AT LIKERS

(This is an edited version of a letter to Richard Clothier from Ken Uran, president of Kenly).

The Armour Hot Dog Company started giving away baseball coins made by Kenly in 1955. The Kenly

Company borrowed the idea from baseball cards and presented the thinking to the sausage division of Armour. Since many of Armour's executives were baseball fans it was an easy sell. Kenly then negotiated with the players to get their permission to portray them on coins. Armour anticipated a 20% increase in hot dog sales because of the coins being packed in the packages.

However, one packing plant was given more coins and they increased their sales by 400%. The sales campaign

was a success but their advertising agency felt very strongly that it would be a mistake to repeat the plan a second year. Hence, the lack of coins from 1956-58. Requests for the coins from the meat

buyers in some of the supermarket chains was so great that Armour decided to try the plan again in 1959 and 1960.

Negotiations were initiated for a fourth year, but it was found that Armour had changed their packing plant equipment and there seemed to be no way to meet FDA standards. The coins had become so popular with kids that they had been able to trade with their friends at the rate of one coin for 10 baseball cards.

Along with the coin promotion, Kenly

managed a 25 word essay contest. Ten winners each year got a full expense paid trip to the All-Star Game for child and parent. Airline tickets, expense money and limo transportation to the airport were delivered to each winner. At the

destination city, the winner was met by a Kenly representative who escorted the proud winner and parent to their waiting limo. The president and vice president of Kenly greeted the winner at their hotel and took them to a reception room. There they

found food and beverages along with a table that was covered with baseball coins. The winner was allowed the thrill of searching through the thousands of coins for items missing from his collection. The brand new \$100 bill given to each child did not seem as important as the coin search.

(Another collector named Doug Stultz wrote to me with the following information.)

There are about 600 uniquely different Armour coins when you consider all players, all years, and all color variation. The most common items are 1959 red, orange, dark blue, and dark green depicting Aaron, Ashburn, Blasingame, Cerv,

> Fox, Malzone, Robinson, Sievers, Skinner, and Triandos. This is because Armour

would send you 10 of this group free for mailing in two hot dog package backboards. The other 10 players from 1959 could only be obtained packed in with the hot dogs. In all years, the common colors such as red, blue, green, orange, and yellow far outnumber the scarcer colors such as gold, black, silver, tan, pink, cream, two-tone, off-white, and see-through. The checklists included here

are the result of research by Doug Stultz. Kenly reported that they produced 40 million coins in each of the 3 years of their Armour contract.

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1955 ARMOUR COINS CHECKLIST

Color Code

1 Dark Blue, 2 Sky Blue (Aqua), 3 Light Green, 4 Red, 5 Orange, 6 Yellow, 7 Black, 8 Dark Red, 9 Pale Yellow, 10 Bright Yellow, 11 Lime Green, 12 Pale Orange, 13 Pale Red, 14 Baby Blue, 15 Royal Blue, 16 Golden Yellow, 17 Cream, 18 Pink, 19 Gold, 20 Tan, 21 Silver, 22 Burnt Orange, 23 Dark Green, (Note: other colors may exist) (1-10 are considered "common colors"; 11-23 are "scarce".)

Player	9. Jackson	16. Reynolds
1. Antonelli	10. Jensen	17. Rosen
2. Berra	11. Kluszewski	18. Simmons
3. Crandall	12A. Kuenn	19. Snider
4. Doby	12B. Kuenn	20. Spahn
5. Finigan	13A. Mantel	21. Thomas
6. Ford	13B. Mantle	22. Trucks
7. Gilliam	14. Mueller	23. Turley
8. Haddix	15. Reese	24. Vernon

1959 ARMOUR COINS CHECKLIST

Color Code

1 Yellow, 2 Red, 3 Orange, 4, Dark Green, 5 Navy Blue, 6 Royal Blue, 7 Blackish Blue, 8 Pale Blue, 9 Navy Blue with color flecks, 10 Translucent Turquoise with color flecks, 11 Pale Red, 12 Cream, 13 Gray Green, 14 Pale Green, Bright Pink, 16 Dull Pink.

(Note: other colors may exist) (1-6 are "common colors"; 7-16 are "scarce".)

Player	Group	7. Crandall	В	14. Robinson	A
1. Aaron	A	8. Ford	В	15. Sievers	Α
2. Antonelli	В	9. Fox	Α	16. Skinner	Α
3. Ashburn	A	10. Jensen	В	17. Thomas	В
4. Banks	В	11. Kuenn	В	18. Triandos	A
5. Blasingame	A	12. Malzone	Α	19. Turley	В
6. Cerv	A	13. Podres	В	20. Vernon	В

Note: Group A & B players exist in colors 1-7; Group A players only exist in colors 8-13; Group B players only exist in colors 14-16

1960 ARMOUR COINS CHECKLIST

Color Code

1 Golden Yellow, 2 Bright Yellow, 3 Red/Orange or Salmon, 4 Bright Red, 5 Light Green, 6 Dark Green, 7 Light Blue, 8 Dark Blue, 9 Bright Orange, 10 Pinkish Orange, 11 Grayish Blue, 12 Navy Blue, 13 Aqua, 14 Pale Yellow, 15 Translucent Salmon, 16 Translucent Green

(Note: other colors may exist) (2-8 "common" colors; 1, and 9-16 are "scarce".)

Player	Group	8. Crandall	A	16. Malzone, Red Sox	Α
1. Aaron, Milwauke	e A	9. Daley	В	17. Mantle	A
2. Aaron, Braves	Α	10. Drysdale, LA	В	18. Mathews	В
3. Allison	В	11. Drysdale, L A	В	19. Mays	В
4. Banks	A	12. Ford	В	20. Pinson	В
5. Boyer	В	13. Fox	A	21. Stuart	В
6. Colavito	В	14. Kaline	В	22. Triandos	A
7. Conley	В	15. Malzone, Boston	A	23. Wynn	В

Note: Group A & B Players exist in colors 2 & 3 only; Group A players only exist in colors 4-16; Group B players only exist in color 1

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to our new member!



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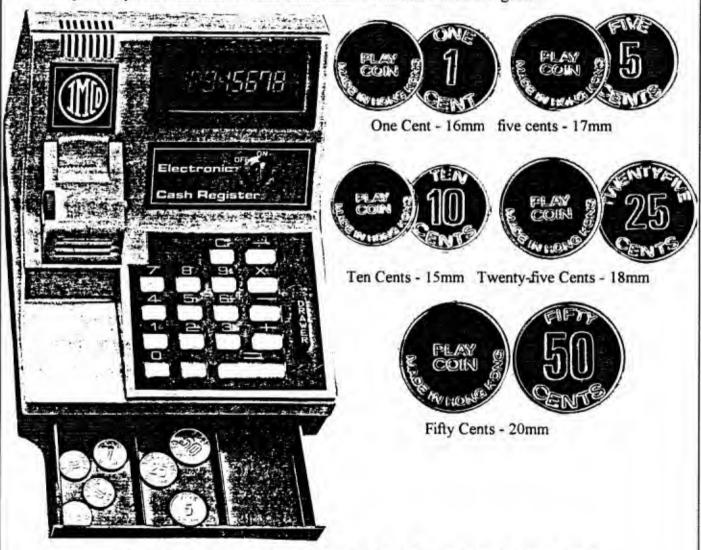


IMCO Play Money

By C. R. Clark

The toy IMCO Electronic 8 Digit Cash Register which I found recently was in the original box with coins and bills. When a small, 9 volt battery was snapped in place, the built- in calculator and drawer did not work, so I took it apart and found a few additional bills and two coins stuffed in the cash drawer.

The box, cash register, bills and coins all were marked "Made in Hong Kong." There was no date and no name to show the meaning of the letters IMCO as found in the logo. A picture on the front of the box shows four different bills in a very pale shade of green with denominations 1, 5, 10, and 100 dollars and coins in the open cash drawer of denominations 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. Play money in the picture matches bills and coins found in the box and cash register.

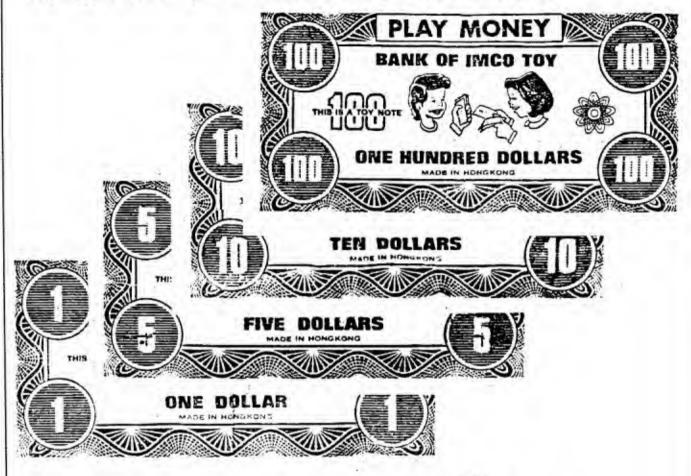


The small, silvered plastic coins have diameters as shown under each coin, above.

Pictures of the coins were taken at 150% of their actual size.

IMCO Play Money, continued

The condition of the folded, wadded and torn bills indicates young children actually played with the money. We expect to find many of the used play money bills in this condition, and we are very happy to occasionally find bills and coins in the original box and cash register.





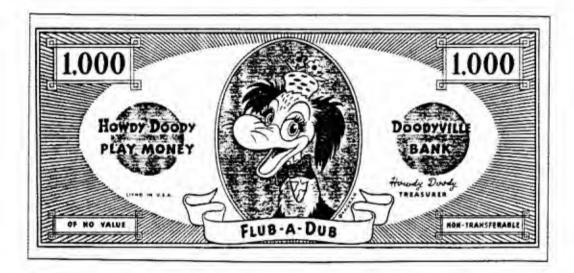
Bank of IMCO Toy bills are printed in light green print on white paper.

Bills are pictured in actual size.

Howdy Doody Play Money

By Jane Sears

Be a Howdy Doody Millionaire by saving these colorful play money. Burry's Howdy Doody Cookies packaged one play bill per box. There were 10 denominations that completed the set. They measured 5 3/8" x 2 1/2" in size. Specy Adv. Serv. NY copyrighted the play money in 1952. The front is red/black on white with a Doodyville character on it (Flub-a-Dub). On the back is the Doodyville National Bank in green ink. If anyone has a complete set or just a few, let us know the other Doodyville characters and their amounts.





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Looney Tunes Play Money

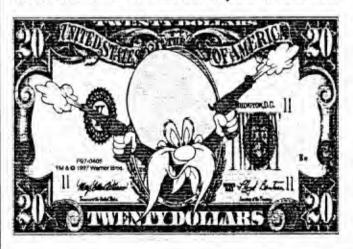


by Akio Lis. Un

As we all know, play money can be found in many places and in many different forms. My latest discovery is a set of Looney Tunes play money that can be obtained from sticker vending machines found in many stores and supermarkets. In fact, this series of play money can also be used as stickers to decorate objects with Looney Tunes characters.



Looney Tunes sticker play money can be found in denominations from \$1 to (at least) \$20,000,000. These uniface notes contain a Looney Tunes character portrait in the center of each note. The lowest denomination notes contain the layout of the older US paper money designs while those of higher denominations contain the layout introduced



with the re-design of the US \$100 bill. Thus, the paper money must have been designed and produced between the introduction of the re-designed \$100 bill and the re-design of the \$50.



To date I have been able to obtain currency with nine characters depicted, and hope to collect the (at least) two remaining characters that I have seen advertised, namely, Bugs Bunny and Honey Bunny.



There appears to be no correlation between character and denomination of the bills, nor are the character poses standard. This creates the opportunity for an extensive

Looney Tunes Play Money, continued

collection if all denominations, characters, and poses are collected, while also allowing the collector to specialize in denominations, characters or poses according to their whim.













Editor's note: See Jane Sear's ad in the classified section for a set of these stickers.

Additions and Corrections to Red Goose Money Catalogue

(July 15, 1998) By C. R. and Bob Clark

It has been almost one year since the catalogue, RED GOOSE MONEY, was published, so we will report the additions and corrections which we found. We did not list die breaks, errors or minor variations which we noticed, and we are still studying two fiber pieces, but two new pieces of Red Goose money were numbered and added to the catalogue. These are RG(A)25-2B(2) and RG(B)500-2B(9).

Type 2B - Large 25; No Dots; No Stars and No Manufacturer's Name



Obverse: large 25, re-engraved R in RED; bottom left side of 2 points to the upright of R in PREMIUM; 2 joined to 5 at bottom only, E of GOOSE joined to 5; may have a die break from rim to first O

in GOOSE to right side of 2

Reverse: no stars; no dots; toe points to the center of F in OF, ugly feet with incomplete toe at H

of HAVING...similar to reverse, RG(A)25-2B(1)

Bronze 500 - Type 2B - Two Dashes Under 00; No Manufacturer's Name



Obverse: two dashes under 00; second dash points to the right leg of Y...similar to RG(B)500-2A(4) Reverse: toe points to the right of F in OF; crude feet...leg formed by two lines and irregular dots.

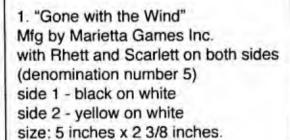
A correction should be made on page 34. The Reverse description at the top of the page (lines 4 and 5) should be the last two lines at the bottom of the page and the Reverse description at the bottom of page 34 should be lines 4 and 5 at the top of the page. Just interchange the two reverses! (You may find it convenient to pencil a note at the top to "See the last two lines, below" and a note at the bottom to "See lines 4 and 5, above."

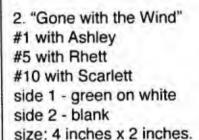
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GONE WITH THE WIND

By Jane Sears

Does anyone have any information about "Gone With the Wind" games? I have two different types.

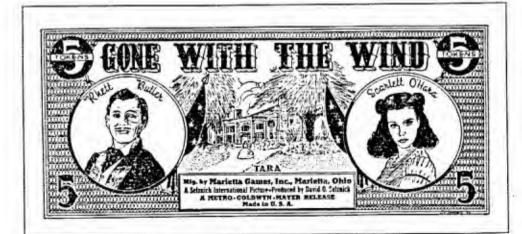












QUEST FOR CAMELOT

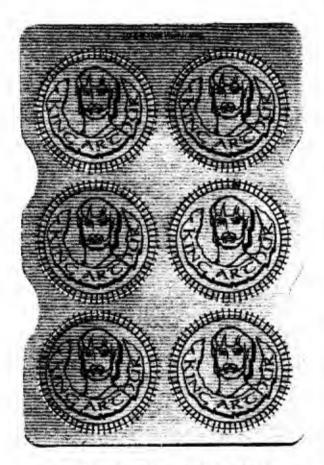
by Jack Phillips

Garage sales are a favorite pastime for Barbara and me; you never know what will appear. Naturally, I look for all types of play money and usually even carry my list of games so I can keep from duplicating items that I already have. And we have learned to look in all boxes and check everything that we are not familiar with. While pawing through a pile of modern fast food toys I spotted a vinyl folder that said it was a passport. It was a pleasant surprise when I opened it and found some play coins that were unknown to me.



The Passport - 75% of actual size

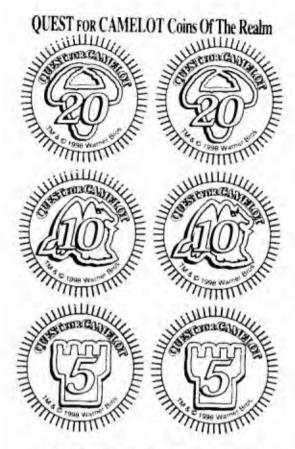
This is a green holder measuring about four inches wide by five and one half inches long. Printed on the front in gold is "Warner Bros. Quest for Camelot ™ Passport". Inside are a number of items advertising the movie of the same name. But of most interest to me was the card of six, unpunched cardboard coins.



Coins obverse - actual size

It is marked ™ & © 1998 Warner Bros. The coins are gold with black print, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, and say "King Arthur".

QUEST FOR CAMELOT, CONTINUED



Coins reverse- actual size

The reverse of the card says "Quest for Camelot Coins Of The Realm". The coins are lighter gold color on the back, with black print, and say "Quest for Camelot". There are three denominations; 5, 10, and 20, and they are also dated 1998.

Since the initial find, I have also managed to find an unopened package for my collection and the wrapper advertises "Wendy's Kids' Meal". So, it appears that this was a joint advertising venture between Warner Bros. and Wendy's and that these were given out with the purchase of a Kids' Meal. So far I have only found three of the passports with the coins. Perhaps we should gather up all we can find; they may become difficult to locate!

Recent Find

WORLD TOY BANK

found by Jack Phillips

This interesting looking play money was found at a recent estate sale, but the seller had no information regarding its origin.



The actual size of the bills is 6 1/4 inches wide by 2 1/2 inches high. Both sides have green print on buff colored paper. The side shown above has "Japan" printed in small letters in the lower right hand border.



The set found by the author consists of five denominations; 1, 10, 50, 100, and 1000 dollars. All of the bills have the same serial number and the same pictures. Does the name mean it was distributed with a bank? Or was that meant to signify that this was world wide currency? Another mystery for our readers!

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Play-Dob Coin-Maker

by Jack Phillips

Most of our readers have by now figured out that I like to use the internet to find new and different types of play money. The past several months have been very productive and my favorite source, eBay Auctions, has been especially fruitful. This is a story about one of my more unusual recent acquisitions.

3/4 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide, and 3 1/4 inches deep. The contents consist of a can of play doh, a green plastic coin press, three plastic coin dies, some aluminum foil, an instruction sheet, and, another surprise, a sheet of paper play money! That made this a double winner as far as I was concerned.



Top view of the box

To find items that may not be listed in the more obvious auction categories, I use various search words or terms. One day the word "coin" yielded something called a "Play-Doh Coin-Maker". Now when my children were growing up they had a lot of Play-Doh around the house, but I never remembered this item. Nevertheless, it sounded interesting and, after all, it did have something to do with play coins, so I placed my bid. This time I was fortunate enough to be the only bidder, so it was mine.

Upon receipt, I was pleasantly surprised to find the box in excellent shape and the contents in perfect, unplayed-with condition! The box, shown above, measures about 10



Coin dies

To make the coins, you place the dies in the press. Make a ball of Play-Doh (about the size of a tennis ball). Place on foil and flatten slightly with hand. Fold foil over Play-Doh and mash again to make a thick patty. Place patty on lower mold of Coin-Maker with fold of the patty resting against hinge of the Coin-Maker. Press down firmly. It makes coins that are

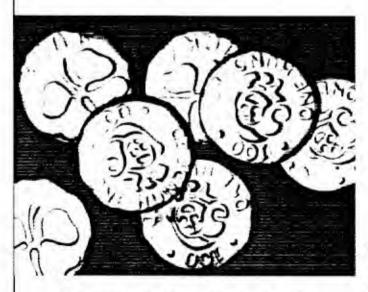
Coin-Maker, continued

about two inches in diameter. Coins can also be made without foil and those can be airdryed and colored for interesting effects. I haven't tried making any at this time, primarily because the set is new and unused.

The instruction sheet lists and pictures many of the uses for the coins. These include wearing them as necklaces or medallions, decorating to include Christmas tree ornaments, playing store, and using them as trading coins.



Actual size



A representative group of coins

The double sheet of paper play money measures about 3 1/2 inches wide by 10 inches long and consists of 5 denominations; 1, 5, 10, 20, and 50 (as shown below). The back of each bill advertises a different product made by the company and shows a picture of each. The items are, Dip Dots, Oddkins, Playnts, Play-Doh, and Fun Factory.



Shown 50% of actual size

This neat toy was made by Rainbow Crafts, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1968. So, the next time that you see a box marked coin, dollar, bill, or anything that may remotely resemble play money, give it a look. You may be surprised at what awaits you!



Found on The Web



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A recent acquisition from the eBay on-line auction is some "Raisin-Bran Play Money" (shown below). There are two denominations, a 1, printed in dark blue, and a 5, with red printing. They are made of heavy cardboard and blank on the back, with hand cut edges. This indicates that maybe they were distributed on the back or sides of a cereal box. The author has never before seen any of these and perhaps there may be other denominations out there. Does anyone know any more about these neat pieces?



Actual size



From Richard Clothier, 6/6/98:

"After reading the latest Fun Money with all the references to the internet, it occurred to me that lots of our members are scared of computers. Perhaps they should consider the Web-TV method of browsing. Sears has the product for \$99. It's much easier and cheaper than a computer although you still pay \$20 per month for the service. It would be great to have everyone on the net".



The location shown here is a page that lists sets of bagged, currency-type play money for \$7.95 (plus postage & shipping costs). It is somewhat generic in style, but interesting, espeically if you don't have this particular variety. http://www.jrousek.com/p11.htm



Tick Tock Toys Home Page: "This site is here to act as a source of information and a place for Tick Tock Toys to bring to you some of the world's most obscure and cool collectibles." The editor has ordered play money items from this site and received good service. http://members.aol.com/grickily/homeb.html



Found on The Web, continued



Play Store Money update

The following description was seen in a recent eBay on-line auction:

"1950's Life-like A&P Play Store in uncut, excellent condition. The outer brown paper bag (27"x13.5") has some rips and a sheet of money is wrinkled, but other than that the colors and parts are great. Tons of advertising! Here's what is included:

1. There is a rigid cardboard A&P Grocery Store(24"x11.5" folded and 20"x24" open standing 11.5" high)

(numbers 2 and 3 were missing)

- 4. A&P Store Manager Pin.
- 5. 'In-store' Display Shelves showing products and featured weekly specials.
- 6. Coupons for accessories to be sent away for.
- a Check-out counter.

This is a really fabulous set!"

Your editor came across the above write-up along with several pictures of the product in an auction listing. After careful examination of the pictures, I concluded that this A&P Play Store used the same money as the Colonial Stores Super Market kit mentioned in C.R. Clark's article, Play Store Money, in the June 1998 issue of Fun Money. It even had a store manager pin and it appears that both play sets have about the same set-up. Has anyone seen play sets for any other stores? Perhaps they were marketed in different parts of the country under different store names. (It sold above this collector's budget!)



Just to show that your editor will buy almost anything that even remotely resembles play money, take a look at this item. The on-line sale advertised a set of five little bills and, of course, I promptly bid on them. I think the seller was surprised that anybody would pay even a dollar for them. But since I didn't have these they were welcome in my collection.





Actual size

The bills are a medium green color with black printing and are much more readable than it appears in the picture. At the top it says "Kenner Bucks" and along the bottom "Good For Lots O' Fun". I assume they were probably some type of doll accessory; however, the seller didn't know. But they sure don't take up much space in the collection!



Some Fancy Play Money with No Name

by C.R. Clark

A bundle of old, used play money found at a local flea market had two denominations of bills. There were several One Hundred bills and only two, Five Hundred bills...all well worn. The following picture shows a fancy design at the center and a fancy border. These attractive old bills have one orange side and one green side.





Actual size

It is possible that these bills were used with a game where only two denominations were needed, but we will not know for certain until additional information is found. If you have these bills in different denominations (or colors), please let me know. Also, if you recognize these bills as part of a game, photocopies of the box or directions with complete information about the play money will be greatly appreciated, so we can tell the complete story about it.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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Florida Tokens Wanted: I will buy or trade for individual pieces or entire collections-what do you have? Give me a try! I also collect all Bryan Money. Steve Ratliff, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32571-8602. Phone (850) 994-4961.

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For Sale: One set Loonie-Tune Stickers (16 in set) Colorful microchip foil dollar bills with Loonie Tune characters. \$6.00 +55¢ shipping to Jane Sears, 9323 Waltham Woods Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234-1550.

For Sale: "Play Money of American Children", published in 1985 and still the main reference for the hobby. \$15.00 postpaid for the 52 page original, \$7.50 for Xerox copies. R. Clothier, 881 S. Washington State Rd., Washington, MA 01223.

Play Money for Sale or Trade: I have three lists of play money: Game play money, Lucky Bucks, & Cointype. Send your list or send SASE and specify desired list. Jack Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016.

Trade: Will trade Lucky Bucks. Will send mine on approval. Also want "Seeing Star Stamps."

Val De Carlo, P.O. Box 127, Patchogue, NY 11772.

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